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BACKIROUND

The Finnish Budget for 1955 contained appropriations to be used for a study on the feasibility of a television system. Knewing this, the Soviets have attempted to sell the Finnish Import Board on the idea of accepting Soviet make television sets. (Confidential)

INFORMATION

- 1. How far have the Finns progressed with their television study and what are their television study and what are their television plans for the future? (Confidential)
- 2. How many sets are the Soviets attempting to sell? Have they made progress? If so, how many, what model and at what cost? Are the sets manufactured to receive Soviet broadcasts only or can they easily be altered to receive Western Europe broadcasts as well? (Confidential)
- 3. Since the transmitting antenna at Tallin is reportedly to be nearly 200 meters high, are the Soviets attempting to sell television sets at locations other than Helsinki? If so, where? (Confidential)

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